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I think it would be a good idea

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—Ghandi, when asked what he thought about Western civilization

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“Tribune” writer is graduation speaker

SARAH CORE

NEWS EDITOR

College officials announced this week that Mary Schmich, a columnist for the Chicago-Tribune, will be the featured speaker at this year's Senior Commencement on May 12.

Schmich, known to many audiences as the author behind Baz Luhrmann's 1999 hit single “Everybody's Free (to Wear Sunscreen),” writes a weekly column for the Tribune.

“I'm happy to say that she has accepted my invitation,” said President R. Stanton Hales, who was a professor at Pomona College while Schmich was a student and is his sister-in-law's close friend. She accepted the invitation this spring.

“She may be best known for a fascinating phenomenon, or prank, I guess you could call it,” said Hales, explaining that in 1997, Schmich wrote a column that was a “collection of wry advice to college students” as what she would say if she were ever to give a commencement speech.

Within weeks, the column had spread through the Internet, usually misattributed to Kurt Vonnegut as a commencement speech he gave at MIT.

Two years later, Luhrmann put Schmich's words to a remix of Quindon Tarver's “Everybody's Free (to Feel Good),” calling it “Everybody's Free (to Wear

Sunscreen). The song shot to the top fifty on the Billboard charts, sprouting an MTV video and a book deal for Schmich. “She's a wonder-



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Mary Schmich

Columnist

ful writer with a lovely way with words,” said Hales, praising Schmich for being both an interesting and humorous individual.

Schmich earned her B.A. at Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., working in college admissions for three years before attending Stanford journalism school.

She worked at the “Peninsula Times Tribune” in Palo Alto, Calif., at the “Orlando Sentinel,” and at the “Chicago Tribune” since 1985. She took a year off, attending Harvard on a Nieman Fellowship for Journalists before returning to the “Chicago Tribune.” Schmich is also the author of the Brenda Starr comic strip.

Student grabbed outside Lowry

SARAH CORE

NEWS EDITOR

A female student was attacked by an unidentified assailant Feb. 26, becoming the third victim in a series of “grabbing” incidents this school year.

“There is not a whole lot of information at this moment,” said Director of Safety of Security Joe Kirk. “We are working with the police to try and match this up with other situations around the community.”

The incident occurred at approximately 12:24 a.m. on Wednesday morning while the female student was walking past

the front of Lowry Center. According to the posted Campus Alert, a man “grabbed her from behind.” The student said she kicked the attacker and then he let her go and ran away.

Three Security officers arrived on the scene immediately but were unable to locate the individual. The Wooster City Police Department was also contacted immediately.

The description given is that the perpetrator is a white male around 30 years of age, standing approximately 6 feet tall with dark-colored hair.

Kirk confirmed that this description matches that of the suspect from the two attacks that

occurred in October on the north end of campus. In both cases, the women kicked the man and escaped.

To keep safe on campus, Kirk said to call Security if a student sees anything suspicious. “We would rather check out a story and have it be nothing than have that one time you think ‘oh, they probably are safe’ be that time [something goes wrong],” said Kirk.

Kirk also stresses that students should make an effort to walk together or call Security for an escort. “I would also make a strong recommendation [to women] to travel in groups as much as possible.”

Director Malekoff resigns post

BEN MITCHELL

MANAGING EDITOR

On Feb. 20 Bob Malekoff announced that he will be resigning from his current position as director of physical education, athletics and recreation at the College. The resignation will take effect on June 15 of this year. Malekoff has served as athletic director since 1996.

“I have a number a varied interests,” said Malekoff. “I have been a coach and an athletic director, and this is the beginning of a third step that I want to take.”

Malekoff said that he appreciated his time at Wooster. “The opportunities given to me here

at Wooster gave me focus to other things that I want to do. I think that being an administrator made me want to spend more time closer to students,”

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he said.

In his seven years at Wooster Malekoff has overseen all aspects of the school's 22-team athletic department, headed the physical education athletic program, and directed the recreation, intramural and club sports programs.

Malekoff has also taught a First Year Seminar.

“Bob has been an outstanding athletic director for us,” said the Dean of Academic Affairs Tom Falkner.

“He has always had a strong sense of balance, in that he has been fully supportive of the athletic program and has an understanding and appreciation for academics.”

The school will begin a national search for a replacement athletic director, currently there is no timeline for when a new permanent athletic director will be named.

Promoting a current faculty member to athletic director is

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Speakers

3/4 Speaker: Randall Kennedy on Race
Gault Recital Hall, 7 p.m.

3/4 Lecture: Zen Calligraphy
Lean Lecture Hall, 7 to 9 p.m.

3/5 Lecture: Zen & the Sitting Meditation (above)

Events

2/28 to 3/1 William Shakespeare's “Twelfth Night”
Freedlander Theatre, 8:15 p.m.

3/5 Distinguished Lectureship in Medicine “TimeSlips”
Lean Lecture Hall, 7 to 9 p.m.

3/5 Band: Yield, The Underground, 10 p.m.

Announcements

2/28 Babcock International Apps. Due by 4 p.m.

3/7 SPRING BREAK BEGINS!

3/8 Residence Halls Close, 10 a.m.

3/24 Senior Independent Study Due by 5 p.m.

Time traveling: Not just a thought of the future

SARAH CHURCH

STAFF WRITER

Last Tuesday, Feb. 25, the Chair of the Physics Department, John Lindner, presented the second installment of the Faculty at Large series with his lecture entitled "Time Machines."

In his presentation, he tackled the probability and possibility of traveling through time.

The problem with traveling through space and time is that in order to achieve this, one needs to exceed the speed of light. Thus, the best bet for traveling through time and space, according to Lindner, is discovering a transversible wormhole.

These wormholes can theoretically help protect human's vulnerable bodies as they thrust through spacetime at extraordinarily high speeds. "We would



PHOTO BY SAJAL STHAPIT

Professor John Lindner excitedly discusses the theories behind some of the ideas of time traveling to a full audience.

like to find a way to travel through space and time that won't destroy our bodies," stat-

ed Lindner.

After Lindner explained the mathematics required in order to

accomplish this seemingly impossible task, he launched into the moral, social, and ethical problems that face the concept of time travel.

Some major concerns about time travel that Lindner included in his lecture are casualty violations. For instance, we would all like to know what our parents were really like when they were our age, but do we really want to chance meeting them? What if they're obnoxious jerks? Also, there's the chance that the smallest misstep could trigger a chain of events that could lead to your non-existence.

Another possibility of time travel that Lindner explained is that of unlimited duplication. "If I had a time machine," Lindner states, "I could go back to yesterday, meet myself, invite myself to go back again, where we can meet myself again until eventually I

have enough me's to form a basketball team and play basketball with myself."

He did express a slight problem with this idea. "That would be weird." Weird or not, herein lies the ethical dilemma that Lindner presented: say said person was wearing a gold watch each time he went back in time.

This might lead to the obvious problem of exploiting one of the most significant scientific discoveries in history for personal economic gain.

Professor Lindner did such a successful job of presenting his data that surely he could sway even the most steadfast non-believer into considering the notion that one day we all will be surfing the cosmos. As he says, "The mathematics can take us further than our imaginations can take us."

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Homeland security discussed in forum

JUSTIN L. HART

CHIEF STAFF WRITER

The year's final lecture in the Great Decisions series, entitled, "International and Domestic Homeland Security," was given by retired Air Force Major General Todd Stewart on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Gault Recital Hall of Scheide Music Center.

Stewart currently serves as the director of the Program on International and Domestic Homeland Security for Ohio State University.

According to Stewart, the U.S. finds itself in a different situation today than during the Cold War, when our enemies were other nation-states whose behavior we could usually predict. "The ball game has changed, and changed dramatically," he said. "Now individuals and small groups can have major impacts." These actors used what Stewart called "unconventional methods" that are hard to defend against. "It's difficult to discern ... who we're dealing with," said Stewart.

"There is no common definition of terrorism," said Stewart. "There

are all shapes and sizes of terrorist groups." However, he attempted to provide a working definition for the purpose of the lecture. "Terrorism is an act designed to

"It's an awful ambitious load." He expressed doubts that U.S. attempts to establish free trade and democratic political systems would be successful in many coun-



PHOTO BY ANNE GUTHRIE

Retired Air Force Major General Todd Stewart speaks on Tuesday.

achieve a political objective by creating fear," he said.

"We are focused on some tough challenges," Stewart said of the far-reaching activities in which the U.S. has engaged to stop terrorism.

tries. "Sharing democracy with those kinds of cultures is not going to be an easy sell." However, Stewart also declared that in terms of working to eliminate the root incentives of terrorism abroad, "I

don't think we're doing enough in that arena," he said.

Stewart discussed the possibility that civil liberties could suffer from attempts to protect ourselves. "It's always a danger, and we need to be watchful of it," he said. "What's the balance between security and the things we're trying to preserve?" he asked rhetorically. "Is it necessarily a trade-off? Is it a zero-sum game? I will argue not necessarily." He declared that we can fend off terrorism and still keep our freedom on certain conditions: "If we are willing to change the way we do business." He cited changes in the inspection of trucks coming in from Canada as an example. The trucks are inspected in Canada, sealed up, and electronically scanned as they cross the border.

Stewart spoke at length about the possibility of war with Iraq. "I'm not coming down on one side or the other," he said, although he defended the option of preemptive military action against verifiable threats.

"Nobody hates war worse than

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the people who have to fight it," said Stewart. "It ought to be a last resort." Nevertheless, he maintained that such a last resort may be necessary. "If the alternatives take you to the military option, you'd better be prepared," he said. "There's a reason why that force exists."

Terrorism will likely be a problem for the U.S. for a long time to come, according to Stewart. "I don't see anything on the horizon that it's

going to slow down," he said. "I hope it runs on a lot shorter cycle than that, but I don't think so."

Stewart posed the question of where the responsibility for homeland security lies. "I would argue it starts at home," he said. "You and I are responsible for the security of our country." Because of this, we should learn as much as possible about the threats. "As citizens, each of us has the responsibility to be informed about these issues," Stewart said.

Malekoff resignation

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also a possibility. "We have some work to do," said Falkner. "We haven't ruled anyone in or out right now."

There may be a need for an interim athletic director to be named before the start of the 2003-04 academic year, in which case an interim athletic director would likely come from within the current athletic department faculty.

"We may have to name someone on an interim basis," said Falkner. "In most cases, this would be someone on staff, as they would best be able to maintain continuity."

Some of Malekoff's accomplishments as athletic director include upgrading the John M. Swigart Fitness Center in 1998, adding softball as a varsity sport in 2000 and hiring seven of the staff's current 15 head coaches. For the last two years Malekoff has served on the NCAA Division III Management Council, which debates and enacts legislation for the future of the division.

"One of the most enjoyable

experiences I've had at Wooster was the opportunity to teach a First Year Seminar," said Malekoff.

"I've been involved in a lot of things, and I think that I've contributed more than just being an athletic director."

Since 1996-97, nine of Wooster's sports teams have made national tournament appearances. Wooster sports teams have won 13 North Coast Athletic Conference championships.

In 1996-97 Wooster won the NCAC all-sports trophy, and is currently in first place in the all-sports standing for the

2002-2003 season.

"I'm proud of the competitiveness that our teams have shown, and that every team has had a legitimate chance to succeed," said Malekoff.

"We have some facility challenges, and we're on the way to improving that," he said. "I do wish I had been able to move certain initiatives forward."

"Bob took a successful athletic program and improved upon it," said Falkner.



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Bob Malekoff

Director of Physical Education

Judicial Board releases summaries

Summary I

Alleged Code Violations: Section I A-B, D: Expectations for Personal Behavior. Sections IV Drugs, Section IX Harassment/Coercion/Intimidation/Assault.

Hearing Outcome: Section I: a. the board rejected the accused's plea of not guilty and found the accused guilty. b. The board rejected the accused's plea of not guilty and found the accused guilty. d. The board rejected the accused's plea of no contest and found the accused guilty. Section IV: The Board rejected the accused's plea of no contest and found the accused guilty. Section IX: The Board rejected the accused's plea of not guilty and found the accused guilty.

Sanctions: The accused was suspended from The College of Wooster, effective immediately, for the remainder of Semester I, Academic year 2002-2003. The accused is required to undergo a full chemical assessment. Upon readmission to the College, the accused will be on Recorded Disciplinary Probation during the first semester following return to the College. The will no include the loss of privileges. The accused will be required to maintain regular and on-going counseling, with a counselor at the Longbrake Student Wellness Center during the first semester following the accused's return to the College or as long as the counselor deems necessary. The accused will be restricted from consuming alcohol and/or non-prescription drugs on any College Property or at any College event under the influence of alcohol and/or non-prescription drugs.

Appeal Process: The accused appealed the decision of the Dean's Hearing Board, based upon the basis of severity of penalties, to the President of the College. Sanction 5; this sanction against consuming alcohol and/or non-prescription drugs, or being under the influence of same, shall terminate at the later of the following dates: the conclusion of the accused's semester of Recorded Disciplinary Probation, and the accused turning age 21.

Summary II

Alleged Code Violation(s): Code of Social Responsibility

Hearing Outcome: Code of Social Responsibility.

Section I Expectations for Personal Behavior. a. the board accepted the accused's plea of guilty. b. the board rejected the accused's plea of no contest and found the accused guilty. d. The board accepted the accused's plea of guilty.

Section IV Drugs. The board accepted the accused's plea of guilty. Section IX. Harassment/Coercion/Intimidation/Assault. The board rejected the accused's plea of not guilty and found the accused guilty.

Sanctions: The accused was placed on Recorded Disciplinary Probation, effective immediately, for the remainder of the academic year, 2002-2003. The accused may not maintain membership, active or social, in Sections or Clubs, chartered or not, at the College for the period of probation. The accused is required to undergo a full chemical assessment. The accused will be required to participate in regular and on-going counseling sessions, with a counselor at the Longbrake Student Wellness Center, focusing on anger management and issues of control in relationships with others. The accused is required to participate in counseling for as long as the counselor deems necessary.

Appeal Process: The accused appealed the decision of the Dean's Hearing Board, based upon the basis of severity of penalties, to the President of the College. The date for scheduling the required chemical assessment was extended. The sanction restricting the accused from having any contact with the individuals involved with this incident was modified as follows: the accused is restricted from having contact as described in the sanctions with certain individuals, until the start of the accused's senior year. Any contact after that point will be expected to be civil and without recrimination. The accused is restricted from having contact as described in the sanctions with a certain individual through the end of the first semester of 2003-2004 academic year. Any contact after that point in time shall occur at that person's initiation.

Summary III

Alleged Code Violation(s): Code of Social Responsibility

Hearing Outcome

Section I Expectations for Personal Behavior. a. the board accepted the accused's plea of guilty.

Section IV b.d. The board accepted the accused plea of guilty.

Sanctions: The accused was placed on Recorded Disciplinary Probation, effective immediately, for the remainder of the academic year, 2002-2003. The accused was restricted from consum-

ing alcohol and/or non-prescription drugs on any College property or at any college event. Additionally, the accused was restricted from being on any College property or at any College event under the influence of alcohol and/or non-prescription drugs. The accused was required to meet with David M. Brown, Director of Residential Life and Housing, and sign a contract agreeing that any room to which the accused is assigned during the period of prohibition will be a chemical-free space. Alcohol and other non-prescription use will not occur in that room. The accused is required to undergo a full chemical assessment. The accused is required to participate in regular and on-going counseling, with a College counselor, to address issue related to addiction and the legal ramifications of violation Federal, State and Local statutes and the policy of the College of Wooster. The accused was required to research, write, and submit to Dean Carolyn Buxton, a paper which discusses the long-term health effects of drug abuse, including addiction, biological effects, and other health risks; legal issues surrounding the use of drugs.

Summary IV Alleged Code Violation(s): Code of Social Responsibility.

Hearing Outcomes: Section I Expectations for Personal Behavior a-c. The Board accepted the accused's plea of guilty.

Sections IV Drugs. The Board accepted the accused's plea of guilty.

Section IX Harassment/Coercion/Intimidation/Assault. The Board accepted the accused's plea of guilty.

Sanctions: The accused was placed on Recorded Disciplinary Probation, at the conclusion of Semester I, for the remainder of the academic year, 2002-2003. It is expected that the accused will consume no alcohol during the accused's appeal of the Committee's decision to the President and/or the President's review of the Committee's decisions and the conclusion of the current academic term. That the accused be required to undergo a full chemical assessment. That the accused will be required to continue regular and on-going counseling, with a mental professional. In addition, the accused is required to have an interview with one of the counselors at the Longbrake Student Wellness Center at the time that accused submits an Application for Readmission. That accused will be placed on Recorded Disciplinary Probation during the first semester following the accused's return to the College. Upon readmission the accused is required to meet with the director of Residential Life and Housing, to sign an application for the Chemical-Free Living Option for the first semester of the academic year in which the accused returns. The accused will be required to maintain regular and on-going counseling, with a counselor at the Longbrake Student Wellness Center during the first semester following the accused's return to the College as long as the counselor deems necessary.

Summary V

Alleged Code Violation(s): Code of Social Responsibility.

Hearing Outcomes: Section I Expectations for Person Behavior. a-b.d. the Dean accepted the accused's plea of guilty. Section IV Drugs. The Dean accepted the accused's plea of guilty. Section IX Harassment/Coercion/Intimidation/Assault. The Dean accepted the accused's plea of guilty.

Sanctions: The accused was placed, effective immediately, on Recorded Disciplinary Probation through the end of Academic year, 2002-2003. The accused was restricted from consuming alcohol and/or non-prescription drugs on any college property or at any College event. Additionally, the accused was restricted from being on any College property or at any College event under the influence of alcohol and/or non-prescription drugs. The accused is required to undergo a full chemical assessment. The accused is required to complete a total of 25 hours of community service for Gaylyn Maurer, Prevention at The College of Wooster.

Summary VI

Alleged Code Violation(s): Code of Social Responsibility

Hearing Outcomes: Section I Expectations of Personal Behavior the board rejected the accused's plea of no contest and found the accused not guilty.

Section IV Drugs. The board accepted the accused's plea of guilty. Section IX Harassment/Coercion/Intimidation/Assault. The Board rejected the accused's plea of no contest and found the accused not guilty.

Sanctions: The accused is required to participate in an Alcohol Education Workshop. The accused is required to write and submit a paper to Carolyn Buxton discussing the consequences of under age drinking and serving alcohol to minors.

VOICE EDITORIALS

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Work with us, Housing...

In past years, the Office of Residential Life and Housing provided students with a packet of information that outlined the various housing options for students. This packet included all the deadlines for program houses, chemical free, smoke free, language programs and normal dormitory living. With the packet, students had few questions about the process for housing selection.

This year, however, Housing seems to have dropped the ball on these alleged packets. Upon searching the mailboxes in Lowry, not one packet can be found. Students have already experienced difficulty with program housing deadlines as a result of too little information. It won't be surprising when room draw comes up. Students will most likely be running around like chickens with their heads cut off as a result of mounting confusion in an already confusing system.

Praise for Step Afrika group

Great job to the Women of Images for an event-filled Saturday evening this past weekend. The program, "Step Afrika," a collaborative effort between young artists in the U.S. and the Soweto Dance Theater in South Africa, that was brought to campus for "Wooster History X" was not only educational and refreshing but tons of fun as well. The group, which presented an American form of dance and storytelling that grew out of historically black Greek organizations on college campuses, filled McGaw Chapel with upbeat and intensely interactive energy for entire performance. The follow-up Sadie Hawkins dance, which is held each year in the Lowry Ballroom, gave students a great place to go on what would have been an otherwise dismal Saturday evening doing homework or LS. The decorations were classy, the catering was superb, the music pumped, the high spirits were contagious and best of all, everything was free and open to the campus. If you didn't find yourself in Lowry on Saturday night you missed out on a rocking good time.

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Letter further illustrates cause for action in the Middle East

To the editors,

It seems as if nowadays, the debate grows concerning the possible war in Iraq. As each week passes, there are more peace rallies and anti-war protests demonstrated in various cities in America. I believe the reason many people feel this way toward the war in Iraq is that they are uninformed as to the

potential threat Saddam Hussein is to global security with his stockpil-

ing of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons. Hussein is not afraid to use these weapons. Let us not forget that during the Iran-Iraq War in the 1980s, Hussein used weapons of mass destruction against Iranian civilians. In March 1988 in the town of Halabja, approximately 260 kilometers northeast of Baghdad, Hussein used chemical weapons against his own people killing over 5,000 and injuring thousands more. I am astonished as to the lengths some will go to trust Hussein when he says that he has properly disarmed. My question to you is that if Hussein has disarmed like he says he has, then why must he prohibit inspectors from doing their job? I contend that his motives are to stall the inspection process while he imports weapons in preparation of what I believe is an inevitable U.S. attack.

Following the Persian Gulf War, the U.N. Security Council placed economic sanctions on Iraq that required them to buy a specific amount of food and medical supplies with profits accrued from oil exportation. These supplies were supposed to be for the specific purpose of feeding and assisting the Iraq populace. Unfortunately, the terror of Hussein ensued. Until the United Nations received knowl-

edge five years later in December 1996, Hussein often ordered insufficient supplies as well as illegally storing these items in empty warehouses. From there he exported these items for personal financial gain. Most of this money was spent to build grand palaces and to accelerate his weapons programs while the majority of the popula-

tion was living in extreme poverty. Apparently his motivation was to increase the misery of the Iraqi people so that the U.N. Security Council would lift the sanctions.

Furthermore, an additional regulation placed on Hussein was that he must disarm and discontinue the production of chemical and biological weapons. Hussein has clearly defied the U.N. resolutions he had agreed to as well as inhibiting U.N. inspectors to properly do their job. As Colin Powell declared in his U.N. address not long ago, Hussein refused to meet with weapons inspectors, disallowed them to inspect certain areas, and ordered the transport of illegal weapons away from areas of possible inspection.

Hussein clearly hates the United States and other Western powers. Hussein also has alleged links to terrorist organizations and has used terrorism himself as a means for getting what he wants in the past.

I believe the threat of Hussein collaborating with terrorist organizations coupled with his blatant disregard for weapons inspections, not to mention having not disarmed after 10 years

after saying he would, is enough for the United States to take military action in order to prevent global catastrophe.

Does Hussein have the means to use weapons of mass destruction against the United States or our allies as well as the motivation to do so? Has he not been disarming for over 10 years and stockpiling these weapons? If you can truthfully answer yes to all three questions, I attest that we are left with only one option and that is to forcibly disarm Hussein and do so very quickly.

How long are we going to wait for Iraq to comply with U.N. inspections? The lengths world leaders are willing to wait for compliance is absurd. As the global hegemon, I believe it is our duty to stand up against tyrannical world leaders who will go to any lengths to attain power.

As Ambassador Kenneth Blackwell stated at a recent Great Decisions lecture, "Democracy is our greatest export." Hussein controls the rural population while forcing them to live in an austere, authoritarian regime that will not tolerate political competitors. Iraqis are forced to live by Hussein's rules or they are dead. This tyrant has a history of using means such as rape, torture and death to those who openly oppose him.

Iraq is a ticking time bomb that increases strength as each day passes. The United States must strike now and forcibly disarm Hussein for the security of the world. If we do not and

Hussein continues his secret program for weapons of mass destruction, we will face a much larger task five or 10 years down the road. We must act now.

Casey Wolnowski '04

If Hussein has disarmed, then why must he prohibit inspectors from doing their job?

Drake refutes Worly

To the editors,
In reading Todd Worly's editorial last week supporting armed conflict with Iraq, I kept wondering who exactly Worly has been listening to with regards to the anti-war position. The assumption that we are against the war with Iraq because we think Bush is stupid is not only grossly inaccurate, but shows that Worly has not taken the time to hear the argument presented by those who disagree with war. Regardless of my objection to his suggestion that "WE elected" George W. Bush, his dismissal of economic motives for war in Iraq suggests that he knows very little about the history of the international relations of the United States. A president WE elected 30 or so years ago also happened to economically and militarily support Saddam Hussein as dictator of Iraq because it was in our interest to fight Iran. It is true, as he says, that Hussein has gassed his own people; he neglects to mention that we were in full support of Saddam's regime when this was first done, and that we did not raise a single objection then.

The main problem I have with his editorial is that he assumes that those who do not want war want to do nothing. While I think he seriously overrates the threat that Saddam poses to the American way of life, Saddam has treated his own people with contempt, and his cruelty should not be ignored.

However, Iraq has absolutely no means of carrying out any sort of biological, chemical or nuclear attack; they do not have the resources or the technology, and most experts believe that Iraq does not have the infrastructure to build the majority of these weapons. If the solution to our problem with North Korea (whose leader is just as unpredictable and dangerous as Saddam Hussein) is economic aid, then why is that not a potential solution in Iraq?

When you get down to it, my biggest issue with this war is that we have not actually seen

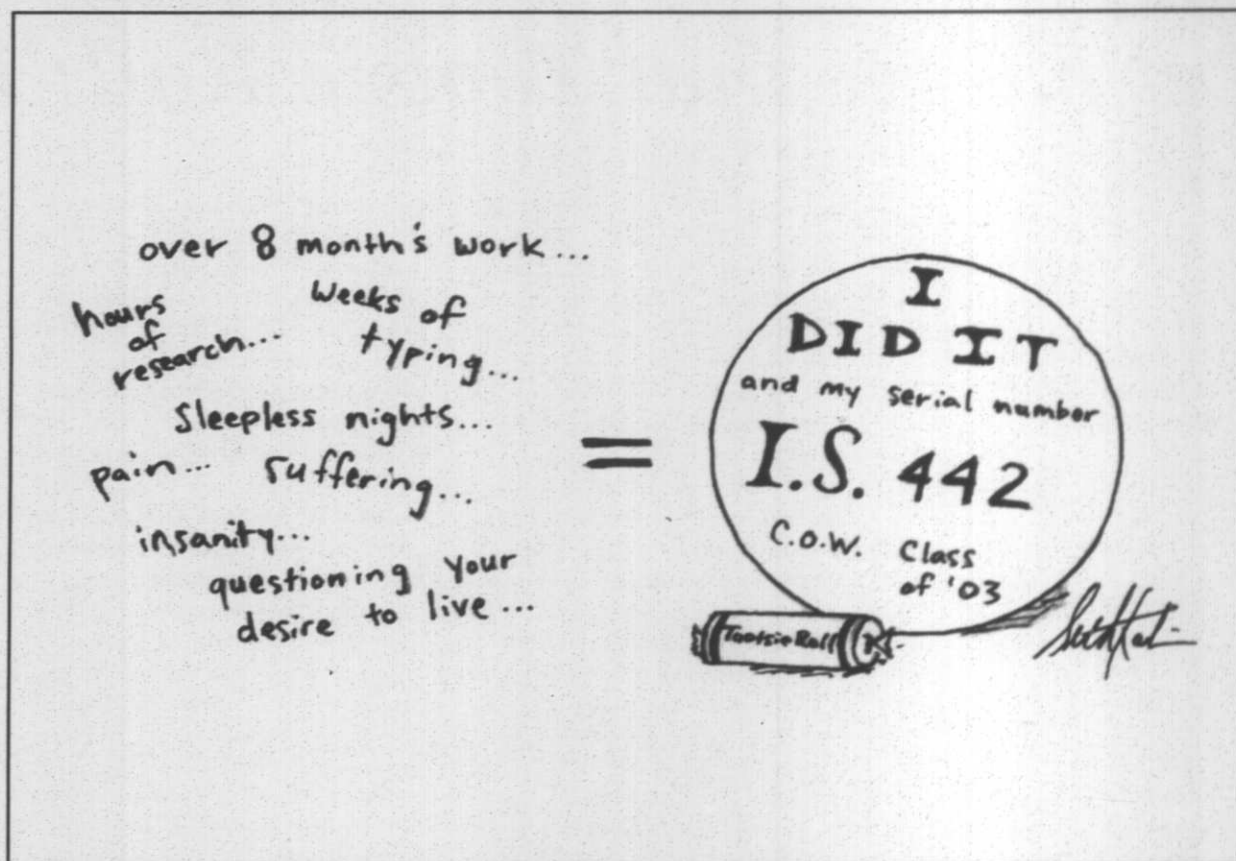
any evidence whatsoever of weapons of mass destruction. A couple shell casings is the closest to "evidence" that we have approached, and while I suspect that Iraq may not be showing us its full hand, without any evidence I am hard pressed to believe that what should be our last and final solution is the one we are about to bring to bear. The only crime Iraq has been found guilty of is breaking U.N. resolutions, and if we are going to confront him about breaking U.N. resolutions, we should be confronting him through the U.N.

Call me cynical, but I assumed that the change to Code Crayola was more of a way to get people behind a war in Iraq; even if this is not the case, it doesn't take away from the fact that the threat is al Qaeda, not Iraq. There are no confirmed connections between Saddam and al Qaeda, and, in fact, Saddam has repeatedly suppressed religious groups and fundamentalists in his country from the time we put him there.

I am not some bleeding heart liberal who assumes that this war is wrong because George W. Bush is stupid; I know he has quite a few intelligent men working for him. I will, however, question their motives. There is no doubt in my mind that Bush's primary concern is not the safety of the American people from terrorism, and I think that those who want to blindly support the president at this time are being naïve if they think that our goals in the region are completely altruistic. Make no mistake; Iraq supplies a third of the world's oil. And it takes the heat off of Bush's disaster of a domestic policy. A simplification of his reasoning, perhaps, but when you get down to it, I believe that is why the saber rattling has become endemic.

I do agree that we should hear the "other side" of the debate; however, it's important to understand the other side's argument before you can present your own.

David Drake '05



Pro-war voices often silent in continuing Iraq debate

To the editors,

I am writing in response to Todd Worly's article in last week's issue supporting a war in Iraq. It was truly refreshing to hear somebody on this campus speak out in favor of war. To look at all the posters, protests and articles in the *Voice*, one is given the impression that The College of Wooster is home to 1,700 students who oppose both George W. Bush and his policies, particularly those regarding war. However, this is not the case.

The problem I see with this situation is that those of us who do stand by our President and support this war (and I know Todd and I are not the only ones) do not make our voices heard. Until last Friday, I have not heard one person support war in public on this campus. We had an anti-war week here, but why was there no pro-war week? Why is everyone allowed to have their own opinion, but only if it coincides with

typical liberal philosophies? Why would it be deemed unacceptable to have a pro-war rally on campus? Why are people who support war villified and made out to be hateful and "closed-minded?" I support aggressive action in Iraq not because I want people to die, but because I love my country and I fear for what

I support action in Iraq not because I want people to die, but because I love my country and I fear for what might happen if we sit around...

might happen if we sit around whining about how we have no right to attack a country that poses a direct threat to both America and her allies. I fully understand the consequences of war, but I agree with Todd that there is no other way of removing Saddam Hussein from power.

Hussein is a pure evil, irrational force that, quite frankly,

needs to be exterminated. America did not become the most powerful country since the Roman Empire because our leaders were afraid to stand up to evil forces in the world. We got to where we are today because we have, throughout our history with few exceptions, been willing to take a strong stance in the world and defend our safety and beliefs. It never ceases to amaze me how many people are fine with the idea of allowing someone who hates us so much to remain in power, even at the risk of countless American lives. Naïveté and denial

will get us nowhere except straight to our graves. In closing, I would like to reiterate Todd's call to make the other side heard. Now more than ever, we need to make it known that we stand by our leader. There is more than one opinion about war on this campus, and it's time that that fact is made known.

Bryan Armstrong '04

Let me see that Tootsie Roll: I.S. plagues seniors

BEN MITCHELL

MANAGING EDITOR

College Registrar Bob Blair has given out the first four I.S. buttons to Matt Wagner #1, Devon Herl #2, Barton Myers #3 and Amy Gerber #4. The campus could not be happier for those four seniors who have made the rest of the class of 2003 look bad.

"I'm really, really, really happy for all of them," said Matt Cutler '03. "This is the best thing I have ever heard...ever. And I'll see them all in hell."

That certainly sums up the feelings I'm having right about now. It's great that these four were able to buckle down and place I.S. at the top of their priority list. I just don't want to know about it. I think that if I saw someone walking around with an I.S. button on before March 24 I would stop in my tracks and blindside tackle them.

The last two weeks have certainly been a wake up call. I'm starting to hear people talk about conclusions, cover pages, acknowledgements and other

things that I will surely be throwing together at around 3:30 p.m. on I.S. Monday. To find out that four people have run the gauntlet and already turned the darned thing in just baffles me, and a few other seniors.

"It makes me feel like less of a person, let alone a man," said Seth Kerechanin '03.

"It's kind of frightening to see people wearing buttons," said Emily Todd '03. "I'm happy for them and all that, but I just don't want to see the buttons."

It seems that the buttons in particular strike a nerve with seniors. With the single digit buttons seemingly flying out of the registrar's office, jealousy is emerging among seniors.

"I think you could say that jealousy is streaming through my veins right now," said Kerechanin.

"I'm actually planning on stealing the number one button," said Sara Kennedy '03. "I mean if I have the button that means I'm done, right?"

At this point in my I.S. voyage I'm really only thinking about two things: what my alcohol intake

will be on I.S. Monday, and how it is that after turning the thing in all I'll have to show for it is a button with a four hundred something number and a tootsie roll. And I will be eating my tootsie roll, the people that save those things didn't hate I.S. enough and should have to write another one.

The ruckus that was raised over whether or not there would be numbers on the I.S. buttons has elicited strong remarks from seniors.

"Why do we have to be ranked? Can't we just be equals in all of this?" questioned Alison Smolin '03. "I think it's typical in our capitalist society of winners and losers."

"You know the Nazis made Jews wear pieces of flair," said Joe Murray '03, quoting the movie "Office Space."

Some underclassmen don't seem to grasp the burden that I.S. has been for seniors.

"I don't see what the big deal is, I mean just dry your tears and write the stupid thing," said Andrew Ziegler '05. "I work at Mom's Truckstop, I think I know a thing or two about pressure."

I.S. Scoreboard

Seniors: 4 | Registrar: 429



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Matt Wagner, Devon Herl, Registrar Bob Blair, Barton Myers and Amy Gerber proudly pose in front of Blair's office exhibiting the customary buttons as well as an extra-large Tootsie Roll.

Moot Court team litigates their way to nationals

ELIZABETH YUKO

FEATURES EDITOR

The College of Wooster Moot Court Team made an impressive showing at the National Tournament of the American Collegiate Moot Court Association (ACMA). The team comprised of Sarah Moorhouse '03, Michael Ruttinger '05, Natalie Miller '06 and Margaux Day '06 traveled to the University of Texas at Arlington last month. While both teams emerged victorious in the first-round matches, they both lost in the second round.

"Going into a national competition the first year any of us had even participated on a Moot Court team was obviously a challenge," said Ruttinger.

Giving a staunch performance

as only a first-year, Day tied for sixth place in the tournament as an individual orator, even though she had no previous court experience.

Additionally, she was awarded a trophy as one of the top 10 individual competitors and was named an American Collegiate Moot Court Association 2003 All-American Orator.

Teams of two students present an oral argument in front of a panel of judges in undergraduate Moot Court competition. Each competitor must argue one of the two constitutional issues presented in the case in a 10 minute question-and-answer format. Over 60 teams (120 students) from across the nation participated in this competition.

"What I find satisfying is that the level of preparation we went

through paid off. The level of competition at the tournament was high, and both teams that Sarah and I (his co-counsel) faced were excellent. That we were able to compete with and defeat one of the teams at a national competition is a mark of success in my mind. It shows that we were justified in being there, and able to rate along with the best teams in the country. It bodes very well for the team's future in coming years," said Ruttinger.

Each year there is a hypothetical case assigned to the teams that focuses on a constitutional issue or governmental act. This year's case was *United States v. Raman Aziz al-Abi*, which concerned a resident alien professor who was arrested and detained under President Bush's Military Order of Nov. 13, 2001. Under

this executive order, titled "Detention, Treatment, and Trial of Certain Non-Citizens in the War Against Terrorism," President Bush asserted the authority to arrest and detain any non-citizens residing in the U.S. whom the government had "reason to believe" were terrorists and to try these suspected terrorists by military tribunals rather than in our civil courts.

Two fundamental questions were raised in the case: 1) Whether a resident alien of the U.S. is entitled to due process protection under the Fifth and Sixth Amendments of the Constitution; and 2) Whether the President exceeded his authority under the Second Amendment of the Constitution. Each student argued one of these questions, arguing for the

petitioner (the United States) in the first round and for the respondent (al-Abi) in the second round.

The Wooster Moot Court Team worked with several local attorneys during the first semester while practicing for the national tournament. Douglas Drushal, Robert Gorman and Elizabeth Krieder-Wright served as coaches for the team. In addition, Charles Kennedy and William Rickett, along with College of Wooster graduates William Bailey, Michael Buytendyk, Chris Oehl, served as judges for the practice moot courts.

"The competition was very intense," said Mark Weaver, professor of political science and advisor to Wooster's Moot Court Team. "I was very pleased with the way our students performed."

Cleveland Museum of Art offers cheap thrills

COOKIE COMPITELLO AND
ANDREW WALDMAN

VIEWPOINTS EDITORS

While we are lucky to have the opportunity to take in the work of many exceptional artists in Ebert Art Center, every once in a while it is nice to venture off campus in search of a more expansive collection. The closest of such collections would probably be the Cleveland Museum of Art. We really liked that the Cleveland Museum of Art is free — someone has caught on to the fact that college students are poor! It's also a really nice museum with an expansive permanent collection.

There are currently several worthy exhibits, including "The Gilded Age: Treasures from the Smithsonian American Art Museum." Running until May 18, 2003, this features 60 paintings and sculptures by American artists who "brought a new sophistication and elegance into American art from the 1870s through the 1920s." The Museum is also featuring "Treasures of a Lost Art: Italian Manuscript Painting of the Middle Ages and Renaissance." Unfortunately, this exhibit began the day after our visit to the Museum, but it sounds promising, offering "highlights from the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC."

The Gilded Age exhibit featured the school of American artists who created a style that harkened back to the classical periods of art perpetuated by the Greek and Roman artists. Wonderful pieces from John Singer Sargent, Winslow Homer and Louis Comfort Tiffany were among the many fine works displayed.

And then there was a public favorite: "Challenging Structure: Frank Gehry's Peter B. Lewis Building." While we caught the last day of this specific exhibit, it is possible to see the inspiration behind it for many years to come. Master architect Frank Owen Gehry, known for his functional sculpture, has recently

completed the Peter B. Lewis building on the Case Western Reserve University campus, just a short walk from the Museum.

Gehry, born in Toronto, Canada in 1929, got his start in 1963 after studying at the University of Southern California and Harvard. Although he initially began as a commercial architect, in the 1970s Gehry began to offer more aesthetically appealing architecture, using collages made from materials he could easily find as a means for inspiration and design.

Gehry has built structures all over the world, including the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain, the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, Cal. and the Hollywood Bowl in Hollywood, California.

Gehry originally landed in Cleveland to design a home for Lyndhurst resident Peter B. Lewis in 1987. The home never materialized, but the friendship that formed between the two men led to the design and construction of the current building, Case's business school, the Weatherhead School of Management.

The building, 152,000 square feet in size, spread out over six levels, cost \$61.7 million and took a little over three years to complete. Academic classrooms and various faculty offices are distributed throughout the building on every floor to promote "informal interaction," and all classrooms are "designed to enable learning in large and small groups."

The brick and steel exterior of the Lewis building resembles waves and simulates something that almost appears to be moving. The asymmetrical adds a certain flavor to the Case campus, which is known for its less than exciting 1970s post-modern squareness.

The wavy design that is obvious from the outside is also apparent on the inside. We were impressed with the grandiose large, open common area that greeted us as we entered the

building. Gehry's Modern Expressionist style continues itself throughout the structure into each of the large lecture halls.

We were impressed with the gallery and the Frank Gehry building and highly recommend a visit to Cleveland. The museum is always free, although for some special exhibits tickets are required — call ahead first for inquiries. Hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 10 to 5 p.m. and Wednesday and Friday 10 to 9 p.m. Like most museums, the gallery is closed every Monday.

Upcoming exhibits include "Metascape" March 16 to June 15, "Points of Light: Sato Tokihiro Photographs" April 26 to July 9, "The History of Japanese Art Photography, 1854-2000" May 25 to July 20, "Masumi Hayashi: Photographs of Indian Temples" July 12 to Sept. 10 and "The Sensuous and the Sacred: Chola Bronzes from South India" July 6 to Sept. 14.

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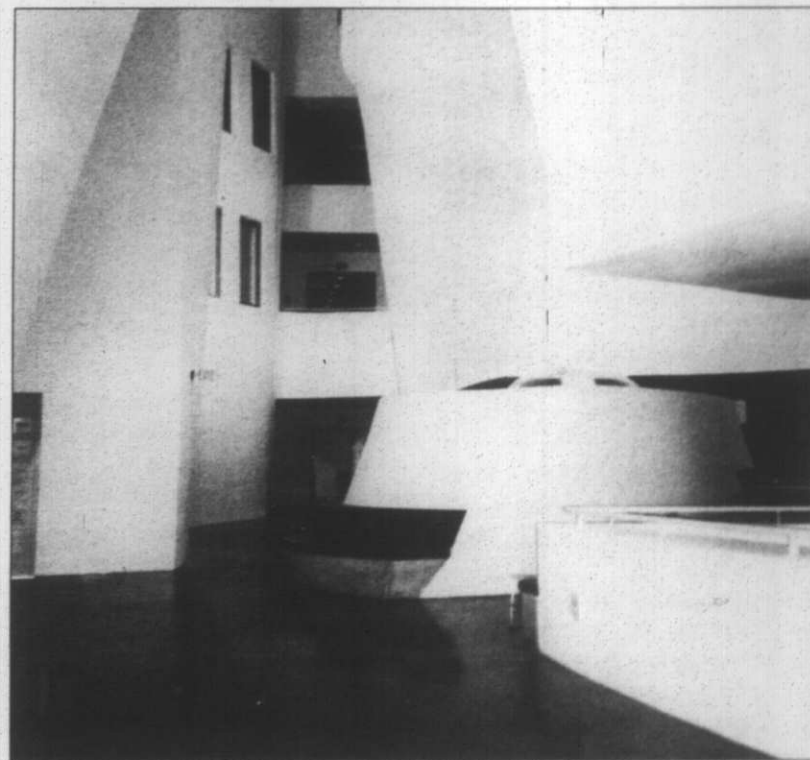


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The lounge of the Peter B. Lewis building, pictured above, is on the Case Western Reserve University campus. It is only a short walk down the street from the museum. Even though the exhibit is now closed, Gehry's work is able to be seen throughout the Cleveland area, as well as in locations such as Spain and California.

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Grammys a success

ANGEL PAPPALARDO

STAFF WRITER

Whether it's J. Lo's revealing dress or an unlikely musical match up between Eminem and Elton John, it seems that the Grammy Awards never fail to deliver some juicy and controversial piece of news to discuss at the water cooler, (or in our case Lowry) the next morning. This year, I was expecting to be bombarded with anti-war sentiment throughout the entire program, but Fred Durst's half-hearted plea "I think this war should go away," was all it amounted to.

The showstopper on Sunday (whether she wanted to be or not) was none other than the adorably genuine Norah Jones. She was able to snag the limelight from Eminem and Bruce Springsteen long enough to take home a total of eight awards, including the Album of the Year, as well as Record of the Year, Song of the Year and Best New Artist.

However, Springsteen and Eminem were not completely left out in the cold; Springsteen took home three, including Best Rock Album for "The Rising" and Eminem walked away with two awards, one of which was Best Rap Album.

While I usually find myself losing interest about halfway through the four-hour extravaganza, I surprisingly felt that enough solid performances were given to actually make the show good and a few amazing performances were given to make the show memorable.

Although the collaborative efforts of N'SYNC seem to have been missing in action for the past year, their acapella tribute to the

Bee Gees, in particular the late Maurice Gibb, followed by a heartfelt speech from Gibb's son, left no dry eye in the house. The Clash's Joe Strummer was also honored by an all-star rendition of "London Calling," with Springsteen, Steve Van Zant, Elvis Costello and Dave Grohl each contributing to the unforgettable performance.

Another performance I felt to be exceptional was Coldplay's "Politik" accompanied by members of the New York Philharmonic and conductor Michael Kamen. Lead singer Chris Martin's eccentric yet charismatic presence as well as the combination of guitar and orchestra left viewers captivated.

Other solid performances were given by Sheryl Crow and Kid Rock, No Doubt, Vanessa Carlton, Norah Jones, John Mayer and the Dixie Chicks. Simon and Garfunkel, appearing together for the first time in 10 years, joined James Taylor to rock the house with "The Sound of Silence" and "Sweet Baby James."

However, I was slightly disappointed with Eminem and the Roots version of "Lose Yourself," because it could not produce the hype that was anticipated. Fellow rapper Nelly's performance was lacking as well, with enthusiasm and passion replaced by pyrotechnics. The token teeny-bopper performance was Avril Lavigne's "Sk8er Boi," and its lackluster delivery was reflected in her five Grammy shut out. Ashanti, while appearing quite elegant, was accompanied by an assembly of wide-eyed children and delivered a corny performance of "Dreams."

Critic finds 'David Gale' to be stale

MATT FOULDS

A&E EDITOR

This past Tuesday I ventured with one Andrew Waldman '05, Viewpoints Editor, to catch the most recent Kevin Spacey thriller, "The Life of David Gale." The film tells the story of David Gale (Spacey) an anti-death penalty activist who is falsely convicted and sentenced to death for the rape

and murder of good friend and fellow activist Constance Harraway (Laura Linney). Three days before his execution he grants a three-part, three-day interview to brash journalist Bitsey Bloom, played by Kate Winslet. Over the course of the interview, Bitsey becomes convinced that Gale is innocent and sets out to find evidence to prove it.

The film switches back and forth

between Gale's account of his life as a star academic and activist and Bitsey's attempts to find evidence to prove his innocence. Like any Hollywood thriller, there are a variety of wildcards in the affair, including the mysterious character Dusty Wright, (Matt Craven) a zealot of an activist who spends most of the movie inexplicably trailing Bitsey as she strives to uncover new clues. Naturally,

numerous surprises and predictable circumstances develop, all of which hurl to viewer to the "unexpected" climax.

Unsurprisingly, Spacey is as strong in his role as Gale, filling his portrayal with the usual plethora of philosophical commentaries on life that seemed to make his role in "American

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Students step into Step Afrika

Two performers from the Soweto Dance Theater expertly perform their step routine during the Step Afrika performance this past Saturday, Feb. 22. Step Afrika combined the talent of both young American dancers as well as dancers from the Soweto Dance Theater, which is based in South Africa. Step Afrika came as the rousing conclusion to nearly a month of activities, all of which were dedicated to the celebration of Black History Month. The show was enthusiastically received by all those in attendance. The Women of Images also performed a special opening number for the event, which was arranged by step master Ochanya McRoberts.

Other winners on Grammy night included John Mayer, Nelly, Coldplay, Foo Fighters, No Doubt and Sheryl Crow, and after being shut out last year, India Arie picked up a Grammy for best R&B Album. Lifetime achievement awards were given to Simon and Garfunkel, big band conductor Glenn Miller and Latin jazz percussionist Tito Puente.

Overall, I suppose one could call this year's Grammy Awards a success. While there was no controversy, there was a surprising new element of wholesome entertainment. And thankfully I wasn't bombarded by Britney Spears, leaving me much more eager to embrace a rather modest and humble figure like Jones.

The kilts-clad band travels to Washington D.C.

PAMELA MILLER

PHOTO EDITOR

Following tradition, the Scot Symphonic Band is touring once again this Spring Break. The 90 piece kilt-clad band travels each year to locations around the country to perform music and share the Scottish tradition that is so vital to the College of Wooster.

The band will be performing at eight different locations this year over a period of the week in three different states as well as the nation's capitol. The kilted company will leave campus on March 8 to play a concert in Wilmington Area High School, New Wilmington, Penn. They will play the succeeding dates at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Penn; Big Spring High School, Newville, Penn and Calvary United Methodist Church, Mt. Airy, Md. On March 13, the band will have a free day in Washington D.C. and will then continue their tour on

March 14 with a concert at Maret School, Washington, D.C. Next they will then travel to Quince Orchard High School, Gaithersburg, Md; Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, McLean, Va and Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey, Penn.

Each performance will consist of a selection of "Rocky Point Holiday" by Ron Nelson, "Blue Bells of Scotland" by Arthur Pryor (Arr. E.M. Pearson), Robert Jager's "Third Suite," including all three movements: March, Waltz, Rondo, "The New Colonial March" by R.B. Hall, "Symphonic Dance #3 'Fiesta'" by Clifton Williams, "Whirr, Whirr, Whirr!!!" by Ralph Hultgren, "Salvation is Created" by Pavel Tschesnokoff (Arr. Bruce Houseknecht) "Tuba Concerto" by Edward Gregson; "Suite of Old American Dances," movements Schottisch and Rag and "Espirit de Corps" by Robert Jager. The concert will conclude with a moving rendition of "Amazing Grace" that

will combine the band and the pipe band. The Pipe Band and Highland Dancers will perform during the Scottish music portion of the program, which includes several march arrangements, medleys and traditional Scottish tunes.

Robert Adamson '03 will solo on "The Blue Bells of Scotland," which is a standard tune here at Wooster. The full piece, however, is a standard solo trombone piece, which is very difficult and requires sound technique and a high level of musicianship. This song will be featured both on tour and at the concert this Sunday.

Chris Redd '03, also a Music Education Major will be featured on tour soloing on "Tuba Concerto." The Band will be led by Nancy Ditmer, conductor, and Ned Brooks, associate conductor. The pipers, dancers, and drummers will also perform "Music of Scotland."

The band will have the opportunity to sight-see mostly in Washington D.C., but will have a little time in Baltimore and in Pittsburgh. "The nice thing about sight-seeing in D.C. is that almost everything is free and there is plenty to do from museums to government buildings to memorials, etc.



PHOTO BY PAMELA MILLER

The Scot Symphonic Band will preview their annual tour with a concert this Sunday, at 4.p.m. They will travel to Washington D.C. this year.

The other nice thing is that it's not much of a drive from the city to the Maryland and Virginia suburbs where we'll be playing, so there is a lot more time for sightseeing on this trip than on many of the others. Students will be free to go wherever they wish when we are in D.C., so the particulars are very flexible," said Director of the Scot Band, Nancy Ditmer.

Ditmer noted the importance of the assembly program that the band will put on at the Maret School in Washington D.C. Two Wooster graduates, Patrick Scott '99 and Marge Foot '00 both

teach at this private school.

"Tour provides a wonderful opportunity for students to travel and to perform a similar program for several audiences in different venues. There are enormous educational benefits to doing this kind of a tour and the band members always return with good feelings about their accomplishments, new friendships, and lots of terrific memories," said Ditmer.

The Scot Band will preview their tour program in a concert this Sunday at 4 p.m. Admission is free.

— Additional reporting by
Eliza Cramer

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The problem here is Cage

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Beauty" so compelling. Winslet, however, is quite weak, completely overacting the role of hard-nosed Bitsey Bloom. It's easy to forget that six years ago she was the lead actress in one of the most successful films of all time, as now she seems nothing more than a green, and unnaturally thin poster board blond lead. Equally weak is Gabriel Mann as Bitsey's intern Zack Stemmons, who assists her throughout her investigation of the circumstances surrounding the crime Gale is convicted of. Mann and Winslet seem to possess no chemistry and at many points seem to just be taking part in an acting clinic presided over by Spacey.

In general, "The Life of David

Gale" seems to simply reek of a self-righteousness stemming from its self-approval for tackling what it thought was an inventive and meaningful plot. Winslet's acting is especially representative of just how hard the film is trying to make its audience take it seriously. There is not a second left for breath as the film hurdles itself from one suspenseful scene to another, obviously in an attempt to cover up the shoddy writing on the part of screenwriter Charles Randolph. The film also goes out of its way to provide as many plot twists as possible, perhaps in an attempt to gain appreciation through confusion, "Mission: Impossible" style. It seems to be almost impossible to have any respect for the players in a film when the audience is almost always one step ahead of

them in uncovering the clues.

"The Life of David Gale" also suffers from what I can only classify as "Scream Syndrome." This being the affliction that leads directors to resort to short, flashing camera shots of words such as "rape," "murder," "deceit" and other words of the like which serve as bridges between varying scenes. Once again, devices such as those serve only to further illustrate the intense desire those behind the film had to solidify its validity in the eyes of its audience. As I was leaving the theater with Andrew, lamenting over how a film with Kevin Spacey could've gone so horribly wrong the answer appeared before me in the form of the film's marquee. There, in bold and bright letters was the answer to my quandary. "Producer: Nicolas Cage."

SPORTS BOXERS

A trip down memory lane

Well, it's late February and we all know what that means. There is absolutely nothing of interest going on in the world of sports, so to get us through this drag that will last until March Madness begins, we are going to talk about ourselves in the prime of our athletic careers.

Russell was a natural in sports from the start. He received \$5 for every goal he scored in youth soccer and that money eventually got him through four years of education here at Wooster (Russell had 387 career goals from ages 6 to 12). The ladies back then used to call him "Crazy Legs" Smith because, even though he had yet to develop any leg hair (still hasn't), his powerful ball striking ability was uncanny for that of a kid his age. Russell gave up on the sport of soccer to concentrate on football. His old youth coach was able to say these fine words about Russell, "yeah, he got his ass kicked day in and day out, but at least he always knew the plays and his parents picked him up on time." Russell grew taller and eventually met everyone's athletic expectations. He was a member of the football, basketball and baseball team while in junior high. Although he was a ferocious rebounder, he gave up the sport of basketball to concentrate on his studies and a few special lady friends. Russell is still very active in athletics here at Wooster (how many other people here on campus have two IM football championships?).

Shipe was that kid that every coach in an interview said they loved to have on the team because he "makes people better," but on the inside they really hated it because people expected you to put him in the game. However, Shipe wasn't always involved in team sports. His stint as captain of the "LEGGS" gymnastic program proved that people who were all muscle, no size belonged in gymnastics. His future looked promising until an unfortunate accident involving the high bar and an improper straddling technique left him better suited for beam and uneven bars as opposed to rings and parallel bars. So after nearly losing his manhood, Shipe turned to basketball, football and track, with football being his new forte. Shipe rushed his way for 48 hard earned yards in 4 years with the Green Bulldogs. His 10.2 yards per season and 1.02 yards/game earned him a spot in the Green record books for being the first person to win Mr. Bulldog (Green's Most Athletic Award) without technically qualifying to win any varsity letters as a senior. Perhaps it is worth mentioning he tore his ACL in the preseason before his senior year, and was unable to play football. Erikson Luther was able to turn things around in college, however. After quitting organized football after his freshman year, he promptly tore the other ACL going for the IM Title in football his sophomore year. But, as a true champion, he fought back and got himself an IM trophy to sit next to his Mr. Bulldog.

—BY ERIK "10.2" SHIPE AND RUSSELL "CRAZY LEGS" SMITH

WHERE DO THEY FIND THESE PEOPLE?

"For PGA players, finishing behind Sorenstam will be like wearing a 'Hillary for President' button for the rest of their lives."

—RICK REILLY, SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

Swimmers to take on the nation

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After impressing their competition with third place finishes at the 2003 NCAC Championships, the College of Wooster men's swimming and diving season came to a successful close. The women still have one huge test ahead of them, as they will send swimmers with 25 individual and relay qualifying times to the NCAA Division III Championships at Emory University in Atlanta, GA from March 13 to 15. Facing the most competitive field they have encountered so far this season, the women hope to turn in top times and establish themselves as a Division III power at this meet.

The Scot women will send more than one swimmer to compete in several different individual races. Kayla Heising '04 and Tanya Tarasenkova '04 will represent the Scots in the 50 freestyle; Heising and Tarasenkova currently hold the second and 20th times in Division III at 23.33 and 24.55, respectively. Heising will also compete in the 100 freestyle with the third-best time in the country (51.24), while the other Tarasenkova twin, Sonya, will race in the 100 free as well. Her best time in that race, 53.42, is currently 29th in the nation.

The Scots will be led in the distance freestyle races by Liz Whittam '05, Elizabeth Roesch '05, Sophie Brym '05 and Jody Bray '03. Whittam will compete in the 200 freestyle. Brym will also represent the Scots in the 200 freestyle; she is currently ranked 28th in that race with a time of 1:55.80. Roesch will be competing in three individual freestyle races. Her times rank her nationally at fifth in the 500 freestyle (5:02.82) and first in the 1650 freestyle (17:13.33). Bray will also compete in the 1650, as her 17:40.68 time ranks her 21st in Division III.

Wooster will count on Whittam and Jenny Bayuk '03 for strong showings in the breaststroke races. Bayuk is among the best swimmers in Division III in both of these races, as her 1:06.05 time puts her at fifth in the 100

breaststroke. She is also ranked second in the nation in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:21.92.

Heising, Amy Clark '04 and Bray will represent the Scots in the national butterfly swims. Heising is currently ranked 13th in the nation in the 100 butterfly thanks to her best time of 58.65. Clark will also compete in the 100 fly.

The individual medleys are notoriously tough races, and the Scots will have not one but two swimmers competing in those races at the national meet. Whittam has posted top times in the 200 and 400 IMs. She is cur-

will fight to better their top time of 7:45.20, which currently has them ranked third in Division III in that race.

Wooster will be represented in both the 200 and 400 medley relay races as well; the 200 medley relay team of Whittam, Bayuk, Heising and Tanya Tarasenkova currently owns the fifth time in the nation (1:48.16), while the 400 medley team of Whittam, Bayuk, Clark and Heising are listed as fourth in Division III with a time of 3:57.52.

Bray, preparing for her final trip to nationals, commented that the team has been putting heart and

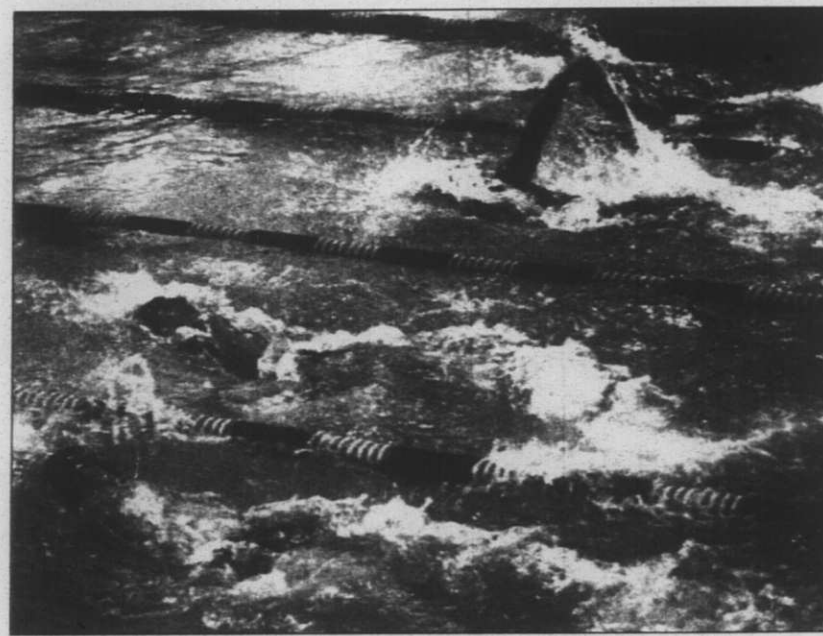


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The Scots will take this competitive spirit to Nationals in Atlanta.

rently listed as holding the sixth best time in the nation in the 200 (2:08.64). Roesch will also race in the 400 IM.

The Scots will be sending several relay teams to the national championships as well, each currently holding top-five national times. The 200 freestyle relay team of Heising, Tanya Tarasenkova, Sonya Tarasenkova and Whittam is listed at third in the country with a time of 1:35.94. The Scots will be represented by Brym, Sonya Tarasenkova, Tanya Tarasenkova and Heising in the 400 freestyle relay; they currently hold the third best time in the nation as well at 3:31.76. The 800 freestyle relay team of Roesch, Brym, Bray and Whittam

soul into training for the meet.

"It's hard without the rest of the team, we really miss everyone. But nationals should be exciting because we could have potential national champions in several races. The training has been a little different, coming off the conference meet; we have to jump way back up in yardage and come back down again, but it's pretty much the same team training we've done all year. We are definitely being serious about competing, but still having fun to keep the stress down." With that same "serious training plus fun bonding" recipe for success proving effective all season, the Scots should have great swims and a lot of fun in Atlanta.

Track third at BW Wooster's season ends at Denison

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The Wooster men's and women's track teams both took home third place finishes at last weekend's Greater Cleveland Championships, hosted by Baldwin Wallace. The men's team scored 92 points, finishing behind John Carroll University and Baldwin Wallace. The women racked up 85 points, with Case Western and Baldwin Wallace taking second and first place respectively.

Three Scot women came home with first place finishes. Jenny Stockdale '05 glided her way to first in the 5000 meters (18:27.16), Jill Berner '06 launched to the top of the leaderboard in the pole vault (10'8.5"), and Karina Colbenson '04 tore through her competition, taking first in the 500 meters (1:27.55).

"The women looked really strong in all the events," said co-captain Nicole Desantis '03. "It's great to see everyone improving."

Other notable scorers for the women included Desantis, who finished second in the 300 meters (44.74). Kathy McCreary '06 scuttled away two second place finishes in the 500 meters (1:27.81) and the 800 meters (2:27.84). Nicki Artes '03 heaved the shot put nearly 38 feet, good for second place. Also, Barbara Patrick '03 ran her heart out on the way to third place in the 1000

meters (3:22.43).

The men turned in a strong overall performance, with second place finishes in eight different events. Matt Knepp '06 continued his strong indoor season with a second place finish in the 55 meters (6.71). Chris Taft '06 brought his "A" game to Baldwin Wallace, claiming second in the 500 meters (1:09.26) and sixth in the 1000 meters (2:39.63). In the 1500 meters Evan McDaniel '03 finished second (4:10.66), and Taylor Delhagen '06 ran away with second in the 5000 meters (16:00.02).

The men had a burly showing in the field events, particular in the long jump in which three Scots earned points. Corey Humphrey '03 finished second (21'1"), Nii Djan Tackie '05 leapt into fifth place (20'8.75"), and James Williams '04 rounded out the scoring in sixth place (20'8.75"). The world is still waiting on Erik Shipe '04 to jump over a phonebook.

Tackie also placed second in the triple jump (41'8.5"), and Keith Vance '04 continued his strong season in the shot put, finishing second (48'8").

Both the men and women have been hurt by injuries during the indoor season.

"We just don't have the depth that other teams do," said Michael Jourden '03. "But people are getting healthy, and we'll have some important people back for the conference meet."

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SPORTS WRITER

The women's basketball team hosted Earlham on Saturday in its final regular season game. The outcome would have no effect on either team's seed in the NCAC Tournament, but it didn't lack importance for Wooster. The game was the final home game for six Scot seniors. Courtney Davison '03, Nara DeJesus '03, Suzanne Lucas '03, and captains Sarah Moorhouse '03, Jessica Merritt '03 and Kristen Rice '03 would all be treated to a final home win to end their collegiate careers.

In the first half, both teams shot an identical 11-of-29 from the field, and

the half ended tied at 29. The game was close throughout the second half, until Wooster broke it open. Tied at 49, the Scots went on an 11-0 run, making the score 60-49 with five minutes remaining. Wooster appeared to have the game in hand, but Earlham didn't quit, and responded with a run of their own, scoring 15 of the game's next 19, to tie it up late. Alexis Louttit '05 then came up big with an offensive rebound. Louttit was fouled and converted two from the line to put Wooster up two.

Ironically, in a game marking the end for six seniors, a freshman came up big to seal the victory. Natalie Barone '06 stole the ball at half court, and went in for an easy lay-up with

22 seconds left to push it to a two-possession game. The Scots would add a free throw, and the game ended with a 69-64 victory.

Leading the Scots was Lindsey Schaaf '04 with 15 points, including 3 three-point shots. Schaaf also dished out four assists. Louttit added 12 points and seven boards, and also hit the two clutch free throws. DeJesus, who has been out since October with a serious knee injury, got to step back on the court one last time with three seconds remaining. Although missing her final year, DeJesus was still an all league honoree three times.

On Tuesday, Wooster traveled to Denison to play their NCAC Tournament quarterfinal game. Denison defeated the Scots twice during the regular season, and Wooster looked for some redemption. Early on, it looked like Denison would once again win handily, jumping out to a 22-12 lead. However, Wooster responded, scoring 11 of the next 13, and went into the half down by one.

The Scots came out of the locker room hot, and eventually built a 38-31 lead. However, Denison would fight back to take the lead. Down by two late, Schaaf hit a shot and was fouled, and turned it into a three point play to give Wooster a 49-48 lead with 2:32 remaining. That would be the Scots' last lead, however, as Denison would take over with its excellent shooting at the charity stripe. Wooster missed its next four shots, and Denison hit six straight from the line in shooting an incredible 18-of-20 on the day. Schaaf put the team on her back, scoring eight of her 13 points in the final two minutes and change, but it wasn't enough, as Denison would hold on to win 58-54.

Rice carried the Scots early in her final game. She finished with a double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds.



PHOTO BY JEREMY HOHERTZ

Courtney Davison '03 blows by a defender.

season. The Scots will try to capture their first conference title, after coming in second the past two seasons. They will be led by pitcher Angie Barone '04, who has gone 29-15 with a 1.58 ERA and 347 strikeouts in 322.2 innings over her stellar career.

After graduating the No. 1 and No. 3 singles players from last years 13-11 team, the men's tennis team will rely on more inexperienced

players to return to the top of the competitive NCAC. The Scots will be led by co-captain Clint Bailey '03, who has won 28 career singles matches in his Scot career.

The women's tennis team will open its 2003 season in Hilton Head, S.C. on March 16. The Scots look to improve on a 6-14 record last year which earned them a seventh place finish in the tough NCAC. With a roster dominated

by underclassmen, the Scots will be relatively untested and will look to Angie Beeler '05 and Sarah Drewes '04 for leadership.

The golf team completed their fall schedule at Mt. Union finishing 5th at the 12 team Invitational. The Scots will be led by Matt Elliott '03 and Jon Pintado '03, who have anchored the Scots golf squad since coming to Wooster as first-years.

Spring season begins

WES WRIGHT

SPORTS WRITER

The Wooster baseball team will start the season in Ft. Myer's, Fla. ranked fifth in the nation. The Scots ended the regular season with a record of 34-3 and are looking to repeat as conference champions. Despite losing several key players from last year's team to graduation, the Scots will be led by captains Matt Miller '04, George Radigan '03, Brian Stevens '03 and Dave Wernecke '03.

The men's lacrosse team returns 13 lettermen from a year ago, and will rely heavily on a first year class of 19 to improve on a 6-6 record from a year ago.

Steve Burton '04 and Mike McMaster '04 will anchor the offense, as both garnered all-conference honors from a year ago. Burton led the Scots with 48 points last season.

The women's lacrosse team is coming off a record-setting season which saw the Scots set a school record for wins in a season (12), as well as win their first conference title and gain their first bid to the NCAA tournament. The Scots will be led by returnees Beth Hemminger '03, Megan Kennedy '03 and Nicole Pritchard '04, all of whom earned first team all conference honors last season.

The Scot softball team is coming off its second straight '20' win

WOOSTER VOICE

Men's basketball clenches title on Senior Night

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TODD WORLY

SPORTS EDITOR

It's tournament time for the men's basketball team, so the only thing we can expect is the unexpected. But it's a lot less nerve-wracking when you are 24-2, ranked eighth in the nation, first in the region, are hosting the NCAC tournament, and are led by the league's most dominant player. Throw in the fact that the Scots officially established themselves as the bully on the block in the

NCAC by clinching the regular season title with a 78-72 defeat of Earlham College on Saturday, then followed that up with a 73-51 quarterfinal thrashing of Hiram College on Tuesday night without the services of the College's elite career three-point shooter, and the result is a Wooster team that is poised to make a deep run in the coming weeks in the NCAA Tournament.

Earlham visited on Saturday afternoon on Senior Day in Wooster, with the Scots needing a win to clinch the NCAC regular season championship. The word of the day was "Nelson," as in Bryan Nelson '03, who was the difference in his last regular season home game at Wooster. Nelson put on a clinic and gave the Scots the extra boost they needed in a relatively even game, as Wooster won its fifth league title in the last nine years.

Earlham played well from the

opening tip, but Nelson kept the Scots close by scoring their first eight points. Towards the end of the first half, Wooster distanced itself from the Quakers and took a 35-21 lead into the locker room.

Quakers inside, hitting 12 points in just 10 minutes of action, good for a 48 point pace if he'd played all 40 minutes.

"Everybody contributed against Earlham," Blake Mealer '05 said.

"We concentrated on getting the ball inside, and that freed up our perimeter guys. We had a couple stretches where we weren't playing our best basketball, but it was still nice to clinch the NCAC."

The Scots committed an uncharacteristic 21 turnovers, were matched by Earlham at 23 rebounds apiece,

and allowed the Quakers to shoot 50 percent (23-of-46) from the field. Wooster's saving grace was its scorching day from the field, as the Scots nailed nearly 60 percent (26-of-44) of their field goals.

Wooster began the postseason how it ended the regular season, victorious. The Terriers of Hiram College came to town Tuesday seeking to run with the big dogs, but the Scots showed them why they should just stay on the porch in a 73-51 drubbing. The Scots started slowly, leading

just 13-11 with 11:07 left in the first half. But Wooster, playing without sharpshooter Matt Smith '03 who sat out with a broken nose, exploded for a 20-2 run and cruised into halftime with a 40-18 lead.

Hiram (6-20) never cut the Wooster lead to less than 20 in the second half, and three Scot players outscored the entire Terrier team by themselves.

Nelson once again led the way for the Scots, netting 23 points on 9-of-11 shooting from the field. With that impressive effort, Nelson now has 1,805 career points, becoming just the third player in conference history to reach that level.

Rodney Mitchell '04 went off for 20 points, tying his season high, thanks to a deadly 6-of-9 performance from three-point range. Mitchell also grabbed six rebounds and rejected a game-high three shots.

Schlingman also continued to play well for the Scots with 14

points coming off the bench.

"Our defense was key against Hiram," Mealer said. "At one point, we had 12 stops in a row. Rodney was in the zone and was having a great game, so we knew we had to get him the ball."

The Scots' stifling defense held Hiram to just 31.7 percent (20-of-63) shooting, while Wooster hit almost 50 percent (24-of-52) from the field.

The Scots also outrebounded the Terriers 46-34 in advancing to the NCAC Tournament semifinals.

Wooster plays Wabash College (16-9) in Friday's second semifinal game, while Wittenberg squares off against Allegheny in the first semifinal. The Scots hold a combined 5-1 record against the three other semifinalists, with their lone loss coming Feb. 15 at Wittenberg.

The two semifinal winners advance to the finals on Saturday night, and the winner of that game

will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

The Scots don't plan on changing anything in preparation for the post-season stretch run. They will stick to the same basic fundamentals that have gotten them to this point.

"We need to concentrate on defense, make sure we rebound the ball well, and keep executing on offense," Mealer said.



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Bryan Nelson '03 takes off to win the opening tip.

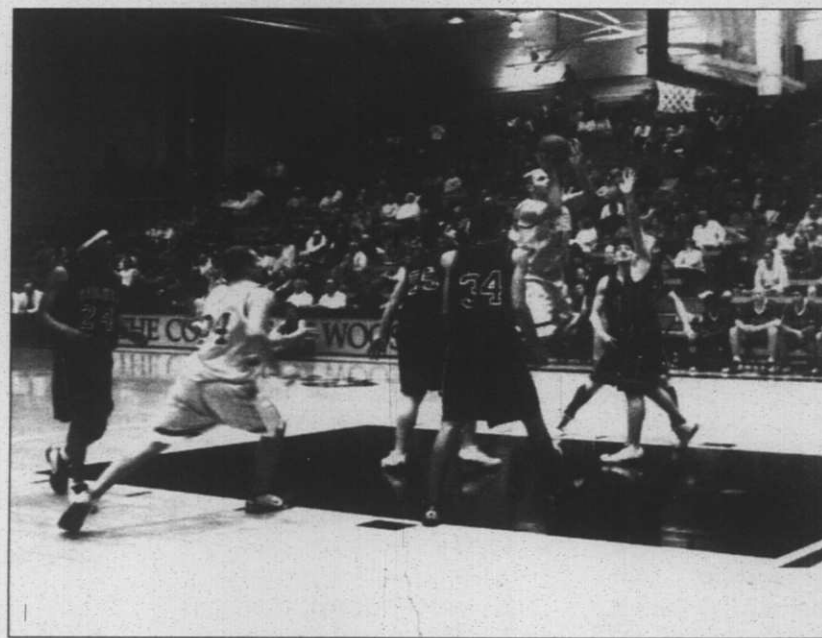


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Ryan Snyder '04 takes it hard to the rack.

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